

The ATYCLA Newsletter

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From the President - Tyrone T. Webb



It is funny how time flies.....Fall, Winter, Spring and before we realize it, it will be Summertime. First and foremost, I welcome the opportunity to serve you again as we build on our past successes and foster an invigorating future. I encourage you to maximize your involvement and participation in ATCYLA. I realize that being president of any organization is not an easy job, but we can work together to enhance our organization. When an organization fails to give value to diversity and incorporate it into the culture of the organization, the organization will struggle in today's working environment. Diversity allows an organization to take advantage of many ideas and opinions to keep them competitive and at the top of the game.

Active members are the life's blood of any organization, and to be active you must pay your membership dues in order to have real voices in the organization. To that end I am asking that you renew your membership and if you are new with the system, to please consider joining the association. We have enough activities and committees for anyone interested in participating in our mission. So, your active role in ATCYLA activities can begin NOW. As soon as the website is completed, we list the committees and forthcoming activities of the association.

As we move forward this year we will focus on three initiatives rather than covering too many. Please note that it is my expectation that our mutual efforts in addressing initiatives will forge camaraderie, improve productivity, and strengthen our relationship with each other. These initiatives will give us an opportunity to engage in thoughtful deliberations, reflect on our mission, and to implement a self-assessment strategy.

1. Retaining and increasing membership – We know membership is the catalyst of any thriving organization.
2. Networking and partnership – We must continue to talk to all our stake-holders who have supported our vision.
3. Improving effective communication strategies within the organization at all levels – Simply stated, we must become more effective "listeners and doers."

I recognize that the pathway to a successful tenure will be a challenging one as we address the needs of the memberships and the organization. We must remember that it is only by working together that success can embrace us all. I hope I can count on you to move the association forward and to make a difference in the lives of the patrons we serve.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Paul O. Blackmon was elected secretary of the Executive Council of the Alabama Library Association at the state meeting in Huntsville, Alabama, April 13-16, 2010. He served as ALLA treasurer from 2006-2008.

Paul is the Assistant Librarian at H. Council Trenholm State Technical College, in Montgomery, Alabama. He obtained his master's science in library services from Clark-Atlanta University in Atlanta, Georgia and has over fourteen years of library experience.

ATYCLA is now ONLINE!

Check out our new website at www.atycla.org

OUR WEBSITE

The ATYCLA website is an outstanding work in progress. Jeffrey Faust has been doing a SUPER job and we greatly appreciate him and all his hard work! - Thank you Jeffrey!

ATYCLA DIRECTORY

There are several libraries within the Alabama Community College System that have not submitted their information. If your library has not yet registered with the ATYCLA, please send your library information for the ATYCLA Directory to:

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ATYCLA MEMBERSHIP

Individual Membership Dues are \$10.00
Institutional Membership Dues are \$25.00
Please ask all your library personnel to join the association.
For an ATYCLA Membership Form and to pay your dues – please contact:

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Current Action Items for ATYCLA in 2010-2011

FALL MEETING 2010 - Our Fall Meeting will be held in August 2010, in Montgomery, Alabama – more information will be forthcoming

SPRING MEETING 2011 - Paraprofessional Workshop will be held - more information will be forthcoming

ELECTION OF THE ALABAMA TWO-YEAR COLLEGE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION OFFICERS FOR 2010-2011

The 2009 Annual Alabama Community College Association Conference was held this past year in Montgomery, Alabama, at the Montgomery Renaissance Hotel and Convention Center, on November 23rd and 24th, 2009. At this conference, the new officers for The Alabama Two-Year College Library Association (ATYCLA) were elected.

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PLEASE NOTE: We still need someone to serve as Treasurer and Legislative Liaison for ATYCLA. If you are interested in serving in one of these positions, please contact Tyrone T. Webb (twebb@bscc.edu)

DON'T FORGET!!

The Black Caucus of the American Library Association's 7th National Conference of African American Librarians

August 4-8, 2010

Sheraton Conference Center, Birmingham, Alabama

"Bridging the Divide with Information Access, Activism, and Advocacy"

Please consult the link below for information on conference and hotel registration, tours, local attractions, program tracks, preliminary program, etc.

http://www.bcala.org/NCAAL_7/bcala_conf/index.html

Highlights include:

- ❖ Opening keynote speaker for the John Tyson Memorial Lecture is Dr. Terrence Roberts, a member of the Little Rock Nine who desegregated Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas in 1957. He is the author of *Lessons from Little Rock and Simple, Not Easy: Reflections on Community, Social Responsibility, and Tolerance*. Roberts and his fellow Central High students received the Spingarn Medal from the NAACP in 1958, the Congressional Gold Medal and other awards and acknowledgements for their contribution to civil rights history. Roberts

received a bachelor's degree from California State University at Los Angeles, a master's degree in social work from the University of California at Los Angeles, and a doctorate in psychology from Southern Illinois University in Carbondale.

- ❖ Comedienne Kim Wayans, of the Wayans comedy family, and her husband, Kevin Knotts, authors of the children's book *All Mixed Up! (Amy Hodgepodge, No. 1)*, published by Grosset and Dunlap, 2008, one in a series of Amy Hodgepodge novels, will speak at one of the author luncheons.
- ❖ Join us for a memorable half day bus excursion of historic Birmingham which will include a visit to the renowned Birmingham Civil Rights District, the home of the City's most famous landmarks: The Sixteenth Street Baptist Church-the site of the 1963 bombing where four little girls were killed and the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute. In close proximity to these landmarks is Kelly Ingram Park. The park served as a gathering place for demonstrations during the 1960s including the infamous ones where police dogs and fire hoses were turned on marchers. Other sites on the tour will include Angela Davis' home and the Vulcan, the world's largest cast iron statue which overlooks the "Magic City".

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ALABAMA VIRTUAL LIBRARY – FY11

Lucinda M. Beddow - Head Librarian, Calhoun Community College

Let me thank all of you who contacted legislators that you know and asked them to continue to support the Alabama Virtual Library. Some of you, and I won't try to name names, are genuine advocates who know the people in the Statehouse who vote for the Alabama Virtual Library funding because you stay in touch with them.

We also owe a real debt of gratitude to Denise Oliver who represents the Alabama Supercomputer Authority on the AVL Council. Ms. Oliver is a steadfast advocate of the AVL. Her advocacy should be noted. If you would, a note or an email to her would be appreciated by me for all she has and is doing for the Alabama Virtual Library in the halls of the Statehouse.

As we approach the beginning of summer, the Alabama Virtual Library Council has begun to hold discussions on the selection of databases to continue for FY11. The Council requested Dr. Ron Leonard from NAAL to be the negotiator between the Council and database vendors. He is currently getting quotes from vendors as to costs for next year and bringing this information to the Council. A meeting was held on May 21 and the next scheduled meeting will be in Montgomery at The Bailey Building, 400 S. Union ST, on July 21. Anyone is invited to attend AVL Council meetings. Dates are posted on the AVL Web site at <http://www.avl.lib.al.us/about/index.html>

A factor in this year's negotiations is that some primary, general information publications are now offered full text by sole source. Since last year's negotiations, Time, Inc. decided to license their content to a single vendor and sent out an RFP. Most or all of the major aggregators responded. As a result, EBSCO now is the sole source for the 66 periodical titles published by Time, Inc. Such titles as *Fortune*, *Consumer Reports*, *Essence*, *Money*, *Southern Living*, *Sports Illustrated*, and more, will now only be available full text through EBSCO. Full text to these titles will no longer be accessible through any other database vendor.

In a recent presentation before the NAAL librarians, EBSCO stated that their cost to

publishers for content exceeds all other company costs combined. They will be passing along to the AVL Council an increase in cost if we continue to receive these full text titles.

I am concerned that some of the AVL Council members may not want to continue the EBSCO collection that will include the Time, inc. full text titles and the *Premier Upgrade*. In the 2008 survey I did among two year college librarians, all respondents named EBSCO as the most important, single database vendor. In 2004, the survey results showed that 12 libraries named EBSCO as the vendor to continue if the AVL should be able to continue only a single vendor while 3 libraries indicated a tie between Gale and EBSCO. (I did not send out a survey in 2009 but I did send one via email on June 1, 2010.)

If you wish to have a voice in the content that is renewed for the AVL for FY11, please email or call the representatives on the AVL Council. They are listed on the AVL Web site under the following page: <http://www.avl.lib.al.us/about/council.html> Some Council members are not librarians and have no experience with the databases and with students who use them. Mention has been made of hiring consultants to advise the AVL Council. I would like to see librarians let Council representatives know what content/databases matter to our students and faculty.

When the Council dropped the EBSCOhost *Premier Upgrade* in the fall of 2009, full text content to 2,500 titles was lost. The Council added back the *Premier Upgrade* in the spring of this year. You should be able to form an opinion as to the usefulness of the *Elite* version versus the *Premier Upgrade*, and decide what is best for your students. If the *Elite* version is continued for FY11, can your institution license the *Premier Upgrade*? One of the hallmarks of the AVL is 'equity'. The loss of primary general information content will ensure that only those libraries with the funds to continue content keep the content. Other libraries that do not have the funds will lose the content. Make your opinion known to AVL Council representatives and ask for 'equity' among libraries in Alabama.

If you have any concerns or would like to talk with one of your representatives to the AVL Council, you can contact Dr. Kandis Steele at Post Secondary, Zenobia Blackmon at Trenholm State, or me.

ALABAMA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONVENTION ***Alabama Libraries – The Sky is Not the Limit*** ***April 13-16, 2010***

The 2010 ALLA Annual Convention was packed full of so many wonderful things that it was difficult to pick-and-choose what to do!

The four-day event was held at the Embassy Suites Hotel and Von Braun Convention Center, in Huntsville, Alabama, beginning on Tuesday, April 13, and ending Friday, April 16, 2010.

The keynote speaker, Lisa Scottoline, was delightful! Her charming witty demeanor was refreshing and her love of libraries and librarians was most evident in her thoughts and in her gift to all attendees – a personally signed copy of her new book, *Think Twice*.

The workshops covered a wide range of topics of importance to librarians from "Tap into Twitter" – an exploration of the basics of using Twitter as well as how to apply such a growing Internet phenomenon to patron commitment, programming, advocacy and fundraising to "Copyright 101: What Every Librarian Should Know About Copyright" – an introduction to copyright and how it applies to every librarian.

One workshop, "Marketing Academic Libraries" hosted by Ron Leonard, Director of the Network of Alabama Academic Libraries (NAAL), was an introduction and instruction on the application of basic marketing strategies into the library arena, very valuable and useful information for any librarian.

The convention has always been an excellent opportunity for professional development, to network and share with our peers and this year was no exception.

EBSCO Publishing (EBSCOhost) ALABAMA FOCUS GROUP for Colleges and Universities

In conjunction with the Network of Alabama Academic Libraries (NAAL), EBSCOhost recently held a Focus Group Meeting specifically for college and university libraries in Birmingham, Alabama. The one-day event, held at the Birmingham Marriott on Tuesday, April 6, 2010, was filled with discussions and presentations focused on EBSCOhost databases and interfaces, industry issues such as exclusive licenses and discovery services, as well as e-books (including EBSCO's acquisition of NetLibrary).

EBSCO Publishing attendees included Sam Brooks, one of the Senior Vice Presidents, Ron Burns, the Director of Software Product Management, Lori McGill, Field Sales Representative K-12 Schools and Public Libraries, and Louis Sooklal, Regional Sales Manager.

The Focus Group Attendees were asked their opinions on layout and format changes that are being considered for EBSCOhost databases. Additionally, all present were informed of forthcoming changes to EBSCO databases especially with regards to the new default setting for search results (starting the Summer of 2010, all search results will be listed by relevancy but this default setting maybe changed by the user) and the new applications of EBSCOhost Mobile, EBSCOhost iPhone, the new PDF viewer and the application of word searching being available within the e-books of NetLibrary.

The Focus Group Meeting was an excellent opportunity to ask questions and obtain insight into how EBSCO Publishing operates. If you have any questions about the upcoming changes at EBSCO Publishing, please feel free to contact Sam Brooks - his email address is sbrooks@ebSCOhost.com

UPDATE FROM SHELTON STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE LIBRARIES

Don Bell - Reference Librarian, Shelton State Community College Libraries

New Library System: In May 2009, after months of migration and training, the Shelton State Libraries brought online their new integrated library system, Millennium, from Innovative Interfaces. In November, Encore, a "discovery platform" was brought online. Encore provides a portal through which library users can search not only in Google-like natural language but can search multiple databases simultaneously. Through barcode login, users have off-campus access to selected databases.

New Staff Member: In September 2009, Cathy Craig, cataloger at Shelton State for three years, began a new position as Head Cataloger and Supervisor of the Cataloging Department at Laredo Community College in Laredo, Texas. After working at the college for seven months, she was awarded the College Employee of the Month for March 2010. Cathy received her MLIS from the University of Alabama in May 2006. The new cataloger at Shelton State is Shannon Sloan. Shannon comes to Shelton State with cataloging experience from positions with both the University of Alabama Libraries and the Tuscaloosa Public Library, including years of experience with the Millennium Library System.

Conference Attendance: In November 2009, Dr. Debbie Grimes, Director of Library Services, attended the annual conference of North American Council on Staff,

Program, and Organizational Development (NCSPD) in St. Paul, Minnesota. Also, during the fall semester, Dr. Grimes completed the Zenger-Miller leadership training program, along with other college division chairs. Shannon Sloan attended the System Administration Workshop at Innovative Interfaces in Emeryville, California in February. Thanks to Title III funding, Shannon, along with librarian Glen Johnson will attend the Innovative User's Group Conference in Chicago in April.

Favorable Report: The nursing program recently came up for re-accreditation here and the visiting team came on Feb. 2-4, 2010. The team interviewed Director Dr. Debbie Grimes for an hour and examined the library collection. The resulting report was positive.

Encouraging Reading: Students of all remedial reading classes are required to practice reading Life Skills Education booklets in the Shelton State Libraries. The high-interest, 16-page booklets focus on family, relationships, personal finance, substance abuse, health, careers, job hunting, and concerns of military personnel. Students must read and summarize one booklet each week for 15 weeks.

A Book Swap shelf has been set up to further encourage reading. The shelf has about 75 fiction and non-fiction titles in both hardback and paperback formats. Anyone may bring in a book and swap their book for a book from the shelf. These books are not cataloged and there is no checkout. Donations are accepted for this shelf.

Outreach: During the Fall 2009 semester, Debbie Grimes and Glen Johnson performed Roving Librarian duties in the Food Court. The goal was to carry reference service beyond the walls of the library to this popular study and gathering area. A wireless laptop made the Internet and online resources fully available.

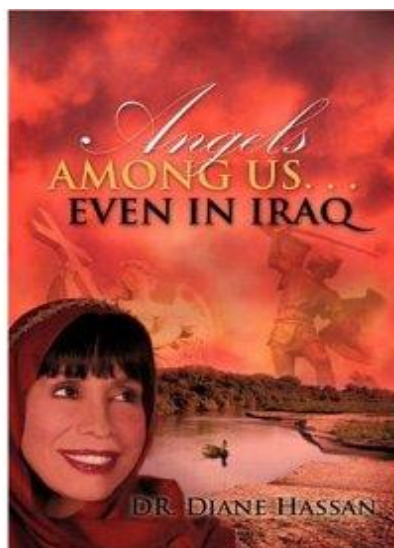
In March 2010, the Libraries conducted a textbook giveaway. For this event, instructors donated sample textbooks from their offices. These were not the textbooks adopted for classroom use, but preview copies that were not adopted. The response from both instructors and students was very positive.

Dr. Grimes is now heading a committee making plans for events for The Big Read at Shelton State for fall 2010. Focusing on Twain's *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*, activities will include lunch-and-learn sessions provided by faculty, a one-man theatre performance, special speakers, an apple-pie throw down, and a graphic arts poster contest. In addition, the Shelton State Libraries will promote reading with a read-it-forward project, offering multiple copies of *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* to students and employees on both campuses and asking them to read and pass along their copies. Funds from the Shelton State Community College Foundation, Title III, and the library budget are being used for these activities.

In fall 2009, the decision was made to discontinue the library's extensive vertical file collection. The collection contained pamphlets, booklets, clippings, and free periodicals. Presently, only special items such as local history and the college student newspaper are retained.

HAPPENINGS

LOOK AT WHAT HAS BEEN HAPPENING IN THESE LIBRARIES
WHAT HAS BEEN GOING ON IN YOURS?



**Brown Bag Program
Lurleen B. Wallace Community College**

Angels Among Us...Even in Iraq is a book written by Dr. Diane Hassan of Dothan, Alabama. Dr. Hassan was the guest speaker at the MacArthur Library, Lurleen B. Wallace Community College's brown bag program for fall semester on Thursday, November 12, 2009.

Dr. Hassan proved to be a naturally-gifted storyteller who included a map of the Middle East, a doll dressed in traditional Iraqi costume and "yellow duckies" as visuals to an attention-getting presentation. (The toy ducks were given to students in the audience.)

***ANGELS AMONG US... EVEN IN IRAQ*
Written by Dr. Diane Hassan, a resident of Dothan, Alabama**

The following editorial review from Amazon.com provides a summary of this book: Dr. Diane Hassan is a native of Dothan, Alabama, and holds a B.S. degree in biochemistry from the University of Alabama at Birmingham and a M.D. degree from the University of Baghdad College of Medicine. She is a popular speaker at schools, civic clubs, churches and other organizations. She currently resides in Dothan with her husband, Dr. Hashim Hassan, an oral surgeon, and their son, Dr. Mohammed Hassan, a dentist.

Angels Among Us . . . Even in Iraq is a fascinating story of love and survival, of how people can overcome any obstacle to fulfill a dream. In a highly entertaining fashion, the American wife of a prominent member of Saddam Hussein's political hierarchy chronicles her life in Iraq until she and her family dramatically escape after an attempted assassination of her husband during Saddam's purge following Desert Storm. Dr. Taha Al Baka, a former Iraqi government minister, comments, "If you are among those Americans who care about their democratic freedoms, constitutional government and due process of law, then you should read this book. You will have a greater appreciation of your country and a greater resolve to guard the basic principles on which it was founded."

ACTIVITIES AT THE KATHRYN TUCKER WINDHAM MUSEUM AND LIBRARY

Alabama Southern Community College

"A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step," (Chinese Proverb).

That single step, for the Kathryn Tucker Windham Museum, began with the Fall Semester, and has continued to progress into the Summer Semester.

That step was the beginning of a plethora of enriching and fun filled events bridging the Alabama Southern - Thomasville Campus with its surrounding communities and increasing student, faculty, and staff use.

Checkout some of the events through the pictures below:



Guest Authors Ted Dunagan, *Yellow Watermelon*; Kerri Leslie Pruitt, *My Affairs...Step to Step Guide to Planning Your Life in THIS Life*, Linda Garrison Brown, *Fulton Tales and More Fulton Tales*; and Jim Herod all pose with library staff at the Kathryn Tucker Windham Museum and Library's open house. – Fall 2009



Maris Dauphin, Mittie Pearson, and Deborah Rankins, pose with an Apollo Astronaut uniform, on loan from the Huntsville Space and Rocket Center. – Fall 2009



Alabama folk artist, Charlie Lucas, poses with a student and his creative work of Ms. Kathryn Tucker Windham.—Spring 2010



Ms. Windham during the program
"A Night at the Kathryn Tucker Windham Museum" – Spring 2010



National Poetry Month was a successful celebration of poetry with our guest, Poet Laureate of Alabama, Sue Walker.—Spring 2010



The participants of the 2nd Annual Collaborative Reading Event – sponsored by the Kathryn Tucker Windham Museum and Library, Thomasville Public Library and the National Network for Pulp and Paper Technology Training. – Summer 2010



Guest authors, Andretta Y. Williams and Phyllis N. Williams, *Mommie, May I Have a Syrup Sandwich*, Jerome McIntosh, *The Underlying Facts of Emotions*, and Flossie Phelps Allen, *The Ladder of Life attended* came for our Author Meet and Greet. – Summer 2010

"It is About Time: Getting Our Values Around Copyright"

Rebecca E. Whitten - Librarian, Bevill State Community College

In a recent endeavor to obtain a better understanding of the current issues surrounding copyright law, I encountered EDUCASE and a presentation on copyright (law) done by Dr. Lawrence Lessig.

EDUCASE is a nonprofit association whose mission is to advance education by promoting the use of information technology. Dr. Lawrence Lessig is a Professor of Law at Harvard Law School, and is the director of the Edmond J. Safra Foundation Center for Ethics. At Harvard, he founded the school's Center for Internet and Society and a majority of his career work has been focused on law and technology, especially as it affects copyright. His current work addresses "institutional corruption" — relationships which are legal, even currently ethical, but which weaken public trust in an institution.

EDUCASE's annual conference, held in Denver, Colorado, was entitled, "EDUCASE 2009 - The Best Thinking in Higher ED IT" and on Thursday, November 5, 2009, Dr. Lawrence Lessig walked onto the stage.

Addressing a general session of the conference, Dr. Lessig presented, "It is About Time: Getting Our Values Around Copyright" - I highly recommend taking the time to listen to his presentation. Dr. Lessig begins speaking after the awards presentation (about 27:47 on the timer).

<http://educause.mediasite.com/mediasite/SilverlightPlayer/Default.aspx?peid=b84be1d5613841aaae441aac8272e2e7>

Dr. Lessig, quoting Dr. Jessica Litman, a Professor of Law at The University of Michigan Law School and a widely known expert on copyright law, reiterates the ever-growing presence on our campuses and in our libraries that for a majority of people, copyright is perceived as having no significant relevance to the core teaching mission of their institution. I had to laugh as Dr. Lessig refers to copyright as the huge elephant in the middle of the room that is being ignored. But sometimes and in some places, I wonder if the elephant actually there at all?

In the past, copyright played a tiny role in the way people engaged within their cultures with regards to their creativity and to the use of information. But then, things changed radically because of the development of technology and our current context is one where copyright reaches across the spectrum of ways in which we engage in our culture on daily (or hourly) basis.

This fact of copyright reaching into our daily lives is stressed in Dr. Lessig's presentation through a quote of Dr. Litman's, "U.S. Copyright law is even more technical, inconsistent and difficult to understand; more importantly it touches everyone and everything... Technology, heedless of law, has developed modes that insert multiple acts of reproduction and transmission - potentially actionable events under the copyright statute - into commonplace daily transactions. Most of us can no longer spend even an hour without colliding with the copyright law."

This fact leaves me, as a librarian, wondering where do we go from here and how do we do what we need to do and what our faculty wants us to do within the legalities of copyright? My suggestion to each of us is to become familiar with our individual institutions' copyright law policy. And as Dr. Lessig said - ask questions! We will only be able to help our students and our faculty members if we ourselves know what we can and cannot do.

NEW ADDITIONS TO THE ATYCLA FAMILY

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Lisa Hullett never planned on being a librarian, despite the fact that the career was perfect for her. She has an aunt and a cousin (both librarians) who suggested she work in a library to see if she liked it. That one suggestion changed Lisa's well-planned future completely...

After receiving a BA in history and a MLS from The University of Alabama, Lisa's career goal was to be a public librarian. This goal was influenced by her time working in a public library while a student. She has been fortunate to have a

diverse library background, working not only in a public library but as an elementary school librarian and as an academic librarian.

The majority of Lisa's career has been spent at The University of Alabama at Huntsville where she has had a wide variety of experience working as: a reference librarian, a serials librarian, the ILL coordinator, and the coordinator for library instruction. She also served as the subject specialist for history, English, political science, women's studies, education, communications, sociology, and music.

The job opening at Wallace State Community College was a dream come true for Lisa. After many years of a daily 100-mile round trip commute, the 20-mile round trip commute is wonderful. In her new position, she is enjoying getting to do many different aspects of library work from cataloging (she admitted that her cataloging skills are pretty rusty) to customer service/public service. "It has really been a lot of fun learning and relearning - in a library the size of Wallace's, the librarian gets to do a little bit of everything."

Her first action as Library Director was to pursue a new ILS - that task has been completed and it is scheduled to be implemented this summer. The library has had the same overdue fines, lost book charges, etc., for years so those charges were raised and the new fee amounts will start in the fall. Due to Lisa's efforts, Wallace State Community College Library is now an active part of OCLC and other library organizations.

Additionally, Lisa weeded the aged collection and was able to gain a lot of much needed space for the relocation of the genealogy collection to the 1st floor. Lisa's staff is wonderful and they have many good ideas for the fall semester from marketing to changing some of the way materials are processed in the library.

It seems like Lisa is a good fit for Wallace State Community College Library and we could not be happier for her and for Wallace! Keep up the good work Lisa and welcome aboard!

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Deborah Rankins has always tried to live by her favorite Mahatma Gandhi quote - "Be the change you want to see in the world," and it appears she has been successful in doing that and many other things...

After working in several different institutions - The University of Akron and Southern Ohio College in Ohio, Ivy Tech Community College in Indiana, St. Louis Community College in Missouri, and Alliant International University and United Education Institute in California, Deborah returned to Alabama Southern Community College in 2007, and became the Assistant Director of Library Services. Her duties include managing the Kathryn Tucker Windham Museum Library on the Thomasville Campus and teaching the Basic Study Skill courses.

She is a multi-faceted individual with a strong commitment to education and an enthusiast of community service. In April of this year, she graduated from the Leadership Clarke County Program and was elected to serve on its Board of Directors. Deborah is also active in the Alabama Library Association, Kappa Delta

Pi, Alabama Black Belt Heritage Area Task Force, Clarke County Schools Partnership, and the Clarke County JOBS Task Force.

Education wise – Deborah received her BA in English from Auburn University at Montgomery, and went on to earn a MS in Continuing Education from The University of West Alabama where she majored in Library Media. In addition to working in library media, her experience includes both instruction and administration within the higher education arena.

Some of Deborah's other accomplishments include being a Presenter at the Alabama Community College Association Conference in 2009; receiving Teacher of the Month in 2006; receiving the Jill Dickie Innovation Award for community service contributions; being listed in the International Who's Who Professional; and receiving the Unity II Community Leadership Award.

The ATYCLA is thrilled that Deborah was selected to serve as our Membership Chairperson and she has been doing a great job! Thank you Deborah for all your hard work!

A Quick Note from the Editor

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Many thanks to everyone who made this edition of our Newsletter possible!
It is my sincerest hope that everyone has a GREAT summer!